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## CIA INVOKES IMMUNITY IN SLANDER SUIT

### Heine Counsel Disputes Claim, Call For Trial Of Case

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The Central Intelligence Agency insisted yesterday in Federal Court that nothing further would be filed to change its plea of silence on issues in a \$110,000 slander suit.

However, lawyers for Eerik Heine, 46, of Rexdale, Canada, pleaded with Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen that the case go to trial this fall.

Mr. Heine is suing a Maryland resident, Juri Raus, of Hyattsville, on the grounds that statements were circulated that damaged his reputation with Estonian emigre groups.

The CIA, the nation's spy ap-

paratus, has ordered Mr. Raus not to testify about the allegations. The CIA has admitted only that Mr. Raus was employed to make the statements to Estonian groups.

Yesterday, Judge Thomsen heard several hours of arguments on whether the silence rule invoked by the CIA should end the case without trial.

Lawyers for Mr. Heine said they were ready to challenge whether the Maryland resident was covered under the blanket immunity raised by the CIA and asked for a trial of the issue.

#### 3 Affidavits Filed

Despite the CIA lawyer's statement that no further information would be forthcoming, Ernest Raskauskas, attorney, pointed out the Government agency had already filed three affidavits at different times.

Paul R. Connolly, Washington attorney for Mr. Raus, agreed to state his position on the privilege asserted by the CIA in a brief that would ask an end to the case.

This will be filed May 23. The other side will answer in a month and further hearings will be scheduled at the end of August if necessary, Judge Thomsen announced.

Mr. Heine claims that his career as a lecturer to Estonian groups about his exploits as a partisan fighter in the 1940's was ruined by the statements of Mr. Raus.

He is asking damages and a jury trial that he asserts would clear his name.

CIA officials have produced a secrecy agreement signed by Mr. Raus, an engineer in the bureau of Public Roads, and declined to allow him to reveal his conversations with the spy agency.